

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the College Park City Council
Tuesday, April 23, 2013
7:30 p.m. – 8:19 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Andrew Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir (arrived at 7:34 p.m.), Wojahn, Catlin, Dennis, Stullich (arrived at 7:45 p.m.), Day (arrived at 7:32 p.m.), and Afzali.

ABSENT: Councilmember Mitchell

ALSO PRESENT: Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Steve Groh, Director of Finance; Peggy Higgins, Director of Youth, Family and Senior Services; Josh Ratner, Student Liaison

Mayor Fellows opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Councilmember Dennis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes: A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Day to adopt the minutes of the March 26, 2013 Public Hearing on 13-O-02; March 26, 2013 Regular Meeting; April 2, 2013 Special Session; April 9, 2013 Public Hearing on 13-CR-01; and April 9, 2013 Regular Meeting. The motion passed 6 – 0 – 0.

Announcements:

Councilmember Kabir announced that there would be a town hall meeting on the FY 14 budget next Monday night, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Davis Hall.

Councilmember Wojahn announced that the second Public Forum of the Neighborhood Stabilization and Quality of Life Workgroup would be held next Tuesday, April 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. This will be to get feedback on the ideas that were developed by the task forces to address the quality of life issues that come with the number of rental properties in the City.

Proclamations: Mayor Fellows read the Arbor Day proclamation.

Amendments to the Agenda: None

City Manager's Report: Mr. Nagro reminded Council that Financial Disclosure Forms are due next Tuesday, April 30, at 4:00 p.m. and that the Four Cities Meeting will be hosted by New Carrollton tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. The Volunteer Reception is Friday May 3 at the University of Maryland Golf Course clubhouse at 7:00 p.m. This coming Saturday is the final day that Public Works will be open on the weekends this spring. M-NCPPC is about to update the College Park-Riverdale Park Transit District Development Plan; to get started, they will hold a community listening workshop on Thursday May 9 in the Council Chambers from 7 – 9 p.m. There was discussion about a possible trip to Philadelphia next month.

Student Liaison's Report: Mr. Ratner said the bill in the senate regarding the Code of Student Conduct expansion was not voted on yet due to wording issues; it should be brought back next

month. He discussed the agenda for tomorrow's SGA legislative meeting. He mentioned the DOTS contest called "Why I Ride" which is open to students and faculty. The winner gets free tuition. SGA is condemning the contest because they think it is a waste of DOTS' money. The City pays for residents to be able to ride the Shuttle UM but are not allowed to participate in the contest, whereas faculty do not pay anything and are allowed to participate, which is unfair to the City. The grocery store bus has been very successful and they hope that DOTS will make the route permanent. He also commented on Maryland Day, which is this weekend. Tony Mendez, the real life spy featured in the movie "Argo" will be speaking on campus.

[Councilmember Stulich arrived.]

Comments from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items:

Cheryl Plainte, Associate Director of Marketing, UMD: She talked about Maryland Day 2013 and encouraged everyone to attend.

Charles Sarahan, Box E, College Park: Mr. Sarahan played some music and discussed his participation in the ESOL program on the University of Maryland campus. He then introduced his ESOL conversation partner.

Ms. Mariana Lopez: She is a masters student at UMD in bioengineering and has been part of the ESOL program for 1 ½ years. It has helped her improve her English and learn about American culture.

Presentations – College Park Scholars and Lakeland STARS:

Peggy Higgins said this is the 17th year of the Lakeland S.T.A.R.S. program where students from the UMD College Park Scholars program tutor students at Paint Branch Elementary School. She introduced Dr. Greg Stewart, Executive Director of the College Park Scholars program. She then introduced the College Park Scholars Coordinator, Jeany Cadat, to lead the presentations. Ms. Cadat introduced the tutors and the students in the audience. Mayor Fellows presented certificates and some of the program participants made remarks.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Day to adopt the Consent Agenda, which included the following items:

- 13-G-56 Spring Field Use requests for use of Duvall Field and concession building and Calvert School Field by the College Park Boys and Girls Club**
- 13-G-57 Sunday Field Use Request by the College Park Boys and Girls Club for Duvall Field for Lacrosse games: April 7 (noon – 3:00 p.m.), April 21 (10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) and April 28 (noon to 6:00 p.m.) – Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services**
- 13-G-58 Field Use Request by Maryland Milestones/ATHA, Inc., for Duvall Field Parking Lot, Saturday, May 25, 2013; 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for Bike Rally Start/End Points – Bob Ryan, Director of Public Services**

- 13-G-59 Approval of a Request for extension of dumpster permit for 180 days from March 27, 2013 to September 27, 2013 for 8317 Potomac Avenue (Paul and Sandra Kiernan)**

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

ACTION ITEMS

- 13-O-03 Introduction of 13-O-03, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to Amend the Fiscal Year 2013 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, Maryland**

A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to introduce 13-O-03, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to Amend the Fiscal Year 2013 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, Maryland.

Councilmember Afzali announced that the Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

- 13-O-04 Introduction of 13-O-04, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 110 “Fees and Penalties” by Repealing and Reenacting §110-1 “Fees and Interests” to Increase the Application Fees for the Occupancy Permits Required by Chapter 144**

A motion was made by Councilmember Wojahn and seconded by Councilmember Afzali to introduce 13-O-04, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, Amending Chapter 110 “Fees and Penalties” by Repealing and Reenacting §110-1 “Fees and Interests” to Increase the Application Fees for the Occupancy Permits Required by Chapter 144.

Councilmember Wojahn announced that the Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

- 13-O-05 Introduction of 13-O-05, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, Maryland**

A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Wojahn to introduce 13-O-05, An Ordinance of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2014 Operating and Capital Budget of the City of College Park, Maryland.

Councilmember Afzali announced that the Public Hearing on this ordinance will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

13-G-60 Appointments to Boards and Committees

A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Day for the following appointments: Reappoint Jim McFadden to the Advisory Planning Commission, Reappoint Gabriel Iriarte to the Airport Authority for a three-year term, and Appoint Solonnie Privett to the Recreation Board. The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

ADJOURN: A motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to adjourn the regular meeting and reconvene in a closed session to 1) Consult with Counsel on a legal matter, and 2) Discuss matters concerning collective bargaining negotiations. The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0 (Councilmember Mitchell absent) and the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Janeen S. Miller, CMC City Clerk	Date Approved
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Pursuant to §C6-3 of the College Park City Charter, at 8:19 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2013, in the Council Chambers of City Hall, a motion was made by Councilmember Stullich and seconded by Councilmember Dennis to enter into an Executive Session for the following reasons:

G: To Consult with Counsel on a legal matter

I: Consider matters that relate to collective bargaining negotiations

The motion passed 7 – 0 – 0. After a short break, the Council convened the closed session at 8:35 p.m.

Present: Mayor Andrew Fellows; Councilmembers Kabir, Wojahn, Catlin, Dennis, Stullich, Day, and Afzali.

Absent: Councilmember Mitchell.

Also Present: **For Topic #1:** Joe Nagro, City Manager; Janeen Miller, City Clerk; Suellen Ferguson, City Attorney; Chantal Cotton, Assistant to the City Manager; Josh Ratner, Student Liaison.

For Topic #2: Joe Nagro, City Manager.

Topics Discussed: **#1:** The City Attorney advised the Council about future rent stabilization legal issues and strategies. The City Attorney also advised the Council about a case that was recently decided by the Zoning Hearing Examiner.

#2: Mr. Nagro and the City Council discussed the status of the union negotiations.

Actions Taken: None.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Councilmember Afzali and seconded by Councilmember Kabir to adjourn the Executive Session, and with a vote of 7 – 0 – 0, Mayor Fellows adjourned the Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.